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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. R. W. Cook
 Acting General Manager
 United States Atomic Energy Commission
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cook:

In your letter of August 24, 1956, you refer to my letter to the Bureau of the Budget, a copy of which was sent you on May 25th. In that letter we discussed at some length both the problems of exchange of Restricted Data between Department of Defense personnel and Q-cleared employees of this Agency and the problem of duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees for access to Restricted Data.

We agree with your understanding that the recent amendment to Section 143 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 permits elimination of the difficulty we have encountered in exchanging Restricted Data with the Department of Defense. In connection with the duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees for access to Restricted Data, the situation remains as it was at the time of our letter to the Bureau of the Budget. The question is purely legal in nature, and we had hoped that existing law would be construed to permit establishment of satisfactory clearance arrangements. If not it would seem to us to be in the interest of all concerned to seek a solution through legislation.

We agree that this would be an appropriate time to review the situation so that if legislation is required it can be ready for introduction as soon as the Congress convenes. Our representatives who are most directly concerned with this matter are Mr. Houston, General Counsel, and [redacted] Deputy Director of Security. They would be glad to meet with your representatives at the earliest opportunity.

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Sincerely,

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Please refer to General Cabell's letter of May 25, 1956, which transmitted to the Commission a copy of a letter to the Bureau of the Budget on the subject of legislation to facilitate exchange of Restricted Data between DOD personnel and Q-cleared employees of CIA, and to eliminate duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees for access to Restricted Data.

As we understand it, the recent amendment to Section 143 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (see P.L. 1006, 84th Congress, approved August 6, 1956), will permit elimination of the difficulty CIA has encountered in exchanging Restricted Data with the DOD.

With respect to duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees, our staff will be glad to explore with yours the extent of the problem and the desirability of seeking an amendment to the Atomic Energy Act to solve it.

Please advise me of your wishes in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


R. L. Cook, Acting
General Manager

MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE

Attached is an answer to the letter from AEC commenting on the legislative solution this year for exchange of information and the problem of "Q" clearances which may require further legislation.

Mr. Scoville, [redacted] and I believe we should have one more go round with them on this remaining problem.

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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